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NEWS RELEASE

Crown Point Farmers Market Features Live Cooking Demonstrations with Phil Potempa

Crown Point...Mayor Uran's Office of Special Events recently announced that the 2009 expanded season of the annual Farmers Market will feature live cooking demonstrations with The Times Columnist, Phil Potempa, set for 10am on August 15. The Crown Point Farmers Market takes place every Saturday in June thru the 2nd week in October from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on south Main Street, in between Hack Court and Walnut. Veronica Carter, Z107.1 FM personality, is slated for September 5 at 10 a.m.

Potempa will be demonstrating Millie's Favorite Linguine Salad and Roasted Eggplant-Tomato Dip which note cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, fresh parsley and fresh basil as key featured ingredients. The recipes are courtesy of "More From the Farm: Recipes and Memories of a Lifetime" (2007 Pediment Press \$29.95).

This year the market features, certified eggs, a wide variety of floral, fresh herbs, fresh artisan cheese, artisan soap, produce by the season, homemade jams and jellies, fresh coffee, organic and recycled bags, purses, outdoor crafts, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and so much more.

As of July 30, 2007, the market became sanctioned as a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) through the Indiana State Department of Health's WIC program, and is looking for WIC participating growers.

The non-discriminatory program provides participants in the WIC program with checks to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables from participating farmers at local markets. Only fresh, local, and unprocessed fruits and vegetables are eligible for purchase in the program.

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Biography of Philip Potempa, a daily newspaper columnist for The Times of Northwest Indiana and Illinois.

Read by more than 100,000 readers each day, his daily column offBeat with Philip Potempa keeps readers up on the latest happenings with celebrities, hottest trends, live theater, movies and television buzz. Additionally, every Wednesday, his From the Farm with Philip Potempa food cover column blends a narrative story tied to a showcased family recipe, a favorite feature in The Times since its launch in 2002.

In 2004, readers finally got a glimpse of the Indiana farm and the faces that provide the many stories as the focus of Philip's columns when he published his first cookbook "From the Farm: Family Recipes and Memories of a Lifetime" (2004 Pediment Press \$29.95), complete with more than 170 recipes and 150 rare color and black and white photographs of recipes and farm life dating from the 1900s to present.

Just released in May 2008 was Philip's follow-up to his popular first cookbook, "More From the Farm: Family Recipes and Memories of a Lifetime" (2007 Pediment Press \$29.95), featuring more than 175 rare color and black and white photographs and vintage sketches, along with more than 200 tried and true tested heirloom recipes from the farm pantry.

The new book also includes a book foreword from famous family friend Jim Nabors, who also contributed a special chapter of recipes. A selection of photographs and recipes from Philip's favorite celebrity interviews are also included in the book from such notables as Olivia Newton-John, Eva Gabor, Martha Stewart, Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Don Ho, Carol Burnett, Florence Henderson, Ruth Buzzi, Andy Williams and many others.

Philip is also a faculty member teaching journalism courses at Purdue University North Central and Valparaiso University.

In March 2008, he joined the cast of director Michael Mann's film for Universal Pictures "Public Enemies," starring Johnny Depp as John Dillinger, on location in Wisconsin and Crown Point. Philip plays a newspaper reporter grilling Depp aka Dillinger with questions following his arrest and booking at the Crown Point Jail. The film will be released in July 2009.

An avid collector of historical autographs and journalism memorabilia, he convinced director Mann and Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood to allow him to wear a vintage 1930s fedora hat (part of his personal collection) that once belonged to famed newspaper gossip columnist Walter Winchell. This was part of his costume playing a newspaper reporter interviewing Johnny Depp as gangster John Dillinger during the Spring 2008 filming of the motion picture. The film premieres this summer.

When not at his desk in the newsroom or lecturing in a classroom, Philip divides his time between the family farm in San Pierre, Ind. and his home in Chicago.

For more information on the 2009 Farmers Market Season, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events at (219) 662-3290; jenyoung@crownpoint.in.gov.

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